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KENTUCKY WHEAT PRODUCERS HARVEST LARGER CROP

Kentucky farmers harvested 30.8 million bushels of winter wheat in the summer of 2011 according to the Kentucky Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 87 percent from 2010. Farmers harvested 440,000 acres for grain. This was up 190,000 acres from 2010. Yield was estimated at 70 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from the 2010 yield. Farmers seeded 540,000 acres in the fall of 2010, up 150,000 acres from the previous year. The 100,000 acres not harvested for grain were plowed down for a cover crop prior to setting tobacco, cut as grain hay, chopped as grain silage or abandoned.

Production of all wheat for the U.S. totaled 2.01 billion bushels in 2011, down 9 percent from 2010. Grain area totaled 45.7 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous year. The yield was 43.9 bushels per acre, down 2.4 bushels from the previous year's record high but still ranks as the fifth highest on record.

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